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Examination of J. C. Maxwell resumed.

Cr behalf of Mr. Bradford

Quest. Do you extended a answer presented this day to the last question put to You on a former Occasion, You State that the two leaves were not produced until after the Calculation was made — Please state what day of the Month the Calculation was made?

Ans. The Calculation was made on the 22d of April.

Quest. Whenever you first informed that a sheet had been removed from the Weighing book?

Ans. I first discovered it myself the morning the Calculation was made, on an examination of the weighing book.

Quest. Did you mention the discovery to any One?

Ans. I mentioned it to Mr. Dimitry, that there had been two leaves torn out.

Quest. Did Mr. Dimitry or any other person desire to

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for & finde them & if any other person, state who?
Ans. Mr. Bradford informed me that Mr. Parker brought the leaves to him that Evening or on the following Morning.
Quest. Have you seen the displaced leaves?
Ans. I have & have examined them.
Quest. Have they ever been kept from your examination, have you not had full access to them?
Ans. I believe so.
Quest. If the object in displacing that sheet in the Weighing book had been to Conceal any thing in relation to the cases in question, state, how in your opinion could the person removing it avail himself of such removal for the purpose of Concealment?
Ans. I prefer not answering the question.
Quest. In your book labelled "Gold melter— Branch Mint New-Orleans,— Melters & Refiners Office" on the page headed

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United States Branch Mint
New-Orleans January 25th 1859.
Gold & Silver gran[illegible]lated for
Separation, in which entries
are made against Nos 24
16 &c. to the bottom of the
Page— Please state from
what source those entries
are derived?
Ans. From my Gold bul-
lion book.
Quest. State from what source
are the entries in your Gold
bullion book derived?
Ans. For the most part from
the Weighing book & the as-
sayers reports.
Quest. From what source
is the other part of the above
mentioned entries derived?
Ans. I have on charge of
assay pieces 17/100 ozs which
is not derived from the as-
sayers reports, or the weigh-
ing book.
Quest. Is that all the entry
except the ons derived from
the assayers reports, & the
weighing book.
Ans. I believe so.
Quest. Are you sure the entries

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above mentioned in your Gold Melt book aforesaid correspond with the weighing book & assayers reports?

Ans. Yes they do. They correspond in quality with the assayers reports.

Quest. Look upon the page preceeding the one referred to & particularly the title of bars No 2. No 3. & No 4. & state from what source you derive the titles respectively prefixed to these bars on the book.

Ans. From the assayers report.

Quest. Upon examination of the 1st. entry on the town sheet it appears in regard to the Cases deposited, that the entry ~~should~~ shows an increase of weight of about 10 ozs between the gross weight before Melting according to said town sheet & the weight after melting, state whether the weigher said any thing to you in reference to a mistake about that weight Committed by himself?

Ans. No. Directly remarked

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that there was a mistake
that it should be 173 ozs.
it appeared to be 183 ozs. I
remarked to him that it
was a very Strange thing
that he should make the
Same mistake after as be-
fore Nothing — He account-
-ed for it by saying that
the weights remained in
the scale until it was mel-
-ted as it weighed the
Same, he did not think
it necessary to examine the
weights, or something to
that purpose.

Quest. Was this before or af-
ter you stated that the Casas
deSante was not sent out
to the Melting room?

Ans. It must have been
after.

Quest. Was it before or after
you discovered that the sheet
had been displaced from
the weighing book?

Ans. It was after on the same
day.

Questions by the Commissioners

Did you take the entry in
your Ledger publishing as of

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the Casas deposite from the town sheet, or, from the new entries there of in the weigh-book.?

Ans. From the new.

Quest. How often at what stage of the proceeding & at what time of the day were you in the habit of transferring entries from the Weigh-book into the Silver Bullion Book?

Ans. I have no stated period I generally receive it when there is enough for two or three melts, after assay; being most of the time out of Bullion. I make these entries mostly in the forenoon I receive the bullion at that time.

The Weigh books of Mr. Maynell being called for Mr. Maynell produced two memoranda books on inspection these books are found to contain entries, as to Clippings & ingots returned to Treasurer but Contain no entries of receipts of Bullion for melting from the Treasurer's Office — Mr.

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Mansfield requests to refer to his Bullion book which has been produced for information as to Bullion received by him for Treasurer & to his Testimony heretofore given for further explanation.

(Called for on the 2d July)

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the Testimony given by Mr Mansfield before Mr Liddell, the Commissioner, on the 1st of July 1839.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name & affixed the impress of my Seal of office on this 3rd day of August 1839 at the City of San Orleans.

Horatio Davis

Notary

Mansfield